(*f*) whether either the Hon. the Law Member or the Advocate-General has gone through them and recorded his opinion; and

(*g*) which other responsible officer knowing Telugu has read them before they have been proscribed?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information whether the English version of the said books or their translations in the vernaculars of other Provinces in India have been proscribed elsewhere. Only Telugu translations have come to the notice of this Government and the notifications issued in respect of them apply to all other documents containing copies, reprints or translations of, or extracts from, the said books.

(*d*) Objectionable publications are generally brought to the notice of the Government either by the Criminal Investigation Department or by the Registrar of Books or other officers of the Government. The books in question came to notice in the usual course and were proscribed by the Government on the ground that they contained matter of the nature described in section 4 (1) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, as amended by section 16 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932.

(*e*) *to* (*g*) There are several passages in the books falling under the above section and no useful purpose will be served by specifying each and everyone. The books were reviewed by the Telugu translator and action was taken by the Government on the translations of select passages furnished by him. The Advocate-General was not consulted.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—"May I know, Sir, whether those objectionable passages in the said books which have been proscribed are seditious and of what character they are?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"They are of a character which is 'described in section 4 (1) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, as amended by section 16 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932,' as stated at the end of the answer to clause (*d*)."

Electricity

Electric pumps and their capacity.

* 510 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to furnish the number of electric pumps and their aggregate capacity and the rates charged per unit for pumping by private electric licensees, municipalities and the Government in this Presidency?

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A.—The number of electric pumps and their aggregate capacity in the area commanded by the Pykara Hydro-Electric system are as follows:—

	Number of electric pumps.	Aggregate capacity. HORSE-POWER.
Government electric distribution system	174	1,302·50
Municipal systems of Coimbatore, Pollachi, Tiruppur and Karur.	27	176·53
Total ..	201	1,479·03

The rate charged is 1 anna per unit.

Similar information is not available in respect of other licensed areas.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask, Sir, in view of the figures given which show that the development of electrical pumping by Government has been more rapid than under the municipal system or private licensees, whether the Government will be pleased to consider or whether they have already considered the question of distributing such load themselves in well-irrigated areas like North Arcot to serve as an object lesson to the other areas?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"The question will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Is the Government aware, Sir, that Mysore has reduced the rate to half an anna?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"The Government have no information."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Will the Government find it out so that here also some reduction may be made?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"It does not necessarily follow."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government will call for information as to what rate the private licensees charge for agricultural pumping?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I think, Sir, for each licence the rate is prescribed and they have never exceeded the rate prescribed under the rules."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Was it not a fact, Sir, that whenever a question was raised, the Government always took shelter under the plea that the Government of Mysore did a particular thing?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"This Government never hid themselves under any circumstances."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Was it not the reason given by them on several occasions?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Certainly not by way of hiding themselves."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will restrict the fee charged by private licensees for agricultural pumping to make it the same as that levied by Government? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" It depends upon a number of circumstances. But the question will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Will they now at least get the information from Mysore and reconsider the matter? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" Conditions in Mysore are not the same as in Madras. Further, they may have their own reasons to do so."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" The reason may be to help agriculture."

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" The reason may be otherwise also."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" The Hon. Member cannot raise the plea that in Mysore the conditions are different."

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" How can they do it when the conditions are different? "

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Inland Waterways

Collection of penal licence fees from owners of boats plying in the Buckingham Canal.

511 *Q*.—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received by the Government from the owners of boats plying for hire in the Buckingham Canal alleging that penal licence fees are being collected from them against the spirit of section 6 of the Navigation Rules under the Canals and Ferries (Public Ferries) Act of 1890; and

(*b*) what the findings of the Government are on those allegations?

A.—A petition from the boat owners was received recently and referred to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Chief Engineer's report is awaited.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RESOLUTION *RE* GUARANTEE IN RESPECT OF DEBENTURES ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL LAND MORTGAGE BANK—*cont*.

11-15 a m. * The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" Discussion on the motion[a] of the Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan will now be resumed."

[a] This was discussed in part on 2nd and 4th November 1935.